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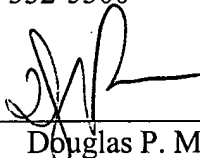
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	2003/0134104	July 17, 2003	Hokkirigawa et al.			
	5,916,499	June 1999	Murayama et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	1 344 791	September 2003	Europe				
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